

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jim Costa today announced that he is accepting applications for the House of Representatives Congressional Page Program for the spring, 2011. The program allows high school students interested in government to gain exposure and participate in the political process. The spring session will run from January 23, 2011 through May 27, 2011. The application deadline is November 15, 2010.

"This is a terrific opportunity for Valley students who have a passion for government and public service," said Costa. "The page program provides students a unique experience that they can apply towards college and their career. Our office is excited to bring a student from our Valley to Washington, and I encourage all of those who are qualified to apply."

Pages have served the U.S. House of Representatives for over two hundred years. Page duties include assisting Members with their legislative duties, delivering correspondence and small packages within the congressional complex, answering phones in the Member Cloakrooms, and preparing the House Floor for sessions.

House Pages live, work, and study in Washington and are compensated with a salary. They split their time between studies at the fully accredited Page School in the Library of Congress and their page duties within the House. Accommodations are provided at the House Page Residence Hall just a few blocks from the Capitol and the Library of Congress.

Students interested in applying should contact Congressman Costa's Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-3341 to receive an application.

What are the basic eligibility requirements?

- Age: Must be 16 years old, by the date beginning the page term
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen

- Academics: Must have a 3.0 GPA or above